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Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
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Re: 98N-1230  
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Gentlemen:

As a concerned citizen I strongly implore you to do the following:

- FDA must do more than put Bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures
- FDA should prohibit the practice of forced molting because forced molting has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the starving hens' immune systems
- FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practices, such as forced molting, that injure human health
- FDA must ban the forced molting of laying hens because forced molting is a **primary** cause of infectious diseases in hens, egg, and consumers of eggs. THE CRUELTY AND CONTAMINATION ARE LINKED !!!
- FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. This **petition** should be granted without further delay.

This issue is of great interest and concern to me and I will be watching the outcome closely.

Sincerely,



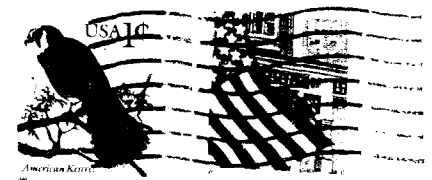
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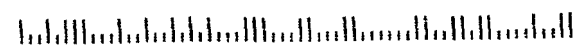
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